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To: SAC, WFO

From: Director, FBI

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MONROE FREEDMAN - VICTIM  
POSSIBLE EXTORTION MATTER

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Reurlet 12/11/61, captioned "Monroe Freedman; Info Concerning" (Urfile 62-0).

You should immediately recontact Monroe Freedman and secure copies of the letters referred to by him. Thereafter, consult with United States Attorney to obtain his opinion as to whether or not violation exists. Handle the contact with Mr. Freedman in a discreet manner.

NOTE: Freedman is the George Washington University Law Professor, who recently has received considerable local publicity as a result of his protest against use of public park facilities for Christmas holiday activities. He telephonically contacted WFO and advised that he had received anonymous letters containing defamatory remarks concerning him. WFO told him that because the letters contained no threat, there is no violation of the Extortion Statute within jurisdiction of FBI. In order to insure that Bureau's position is sound in this matter we should ascertain contents of the letters and obtain opinion of United States Attorney as to whether violation exists.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/11/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (62-0)

SUBJECT: MONROE FREEDMAN  
INFO CONCERNING

At 10:27 A.M., this date, Mr. MONROE FREEDMAN, Professor, George Washington University Law School, 720 20th St., N. W., telephonically contacted the WFO and stated that he received a letter postmarked 10/18/61, which contained very abusive language. He said this correspondence was signed [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. FREEDMAN stated that he also received a letter on 12/7/61 containing similar language, which was signed, [redacted]

He advised that these letters did not contain any threats, but the language used therein, reflected upon his reputation. He said he contacted the Post Office Department regarding this matter and was desirous of determining if this matter constituted a violation wherein the FBI would have jurisdiction.

Mr. FREEDMAN was advised that on the basis of the above info and inasmuch as the letters contained no threats, no federal law had been violated which entered within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

WFO file entitled: STUDIES ON THE LEFT - IS - C (OO:MI), reflected that the name, MONROE FREEDMAN, The Law School, George Washington University, Washington, D. C., appeared among the subscribers and book store recipients for Volume I, issue #3, of "Studies on the Left," which came off the press on 11/28/60, at Madison, Wisconsin. The Milwaukee Division advised that this matter was the subject of a Bureau authorized Security Investigation.

WFO files contained no identifiable record under the names [redacted]

This matter is being brought to the attention of the Bureau in view of the large amount of publicity which has recently appeared in local newspapers concerning the subject, in connection with the use of Washington, D. C., recreational facilities for religious holiday activities.

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Date: 12/21/61

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Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (9-1359) (P)

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SUBJECT: aka

**MONROE HENRY FREEDMAN - VICTIM**  
**POSSIBLE EXTORTION MATTER**  
(OO: WFO)

Title changed to include full name of victim.

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On 12/21/61, SAs EDWARD W. PENNYPACKER and [redacted] interviewed victim at George Washington University. FREEDMAN advised letters received by him previously referred to in communications have been turned over by him to the U.S. Post Office, Massachusetts Ave. and N. Capitol St. He was unable to advise official to whom they were given, however, said it was his belief that they were being placed on file.

He stated first letter pre-dated publicity concerning him with regard to use of public school facilities for religious parties, however, second letter was received subsequent to newspaper articles concerning him.

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FREEDMAN stated that the letters are addressed to his publicity, except one which is addressed to him. He has been asked to write a letter to the effect that the letter contained in the letter is a threat to his reputation. He said the letters are abusive and in some pieces of newspaper. He said the second letter referred to a man named [redacted] and referred to [redacted] as a filthy [redacted] which is [redacted] FREEDMAN's mouth. He said the letter [redacted] suggested [redacted] the paper that [redacted] his old daughter. [redacted] daughter [redacted] in the [redacted]

Victim stated letters were written and appeared to be written by an educated individual. He said the return addresses were on [redacted] Chevy Chase. He said he determined one of the [redacted] is non-existent. FREEDMAN unable to advise suspect.

He stated that in addition another [redacted] which has caused his concern. He said that in the [redacted] of 1961 there [redacted] a series of telephone calls [redacted] from an unknown man who always asks for ALICE [redacted] is made as to [redacted] is calling, he hangs up. [redacted] other conversations has [redacted] place with the [redacted] the source of the calls is unknown to him. He said [redacted] his nine year old daughter who is a student at the [redacted] Academy, North of Military Road, N.W., on 16th St., N.W. He said telephone calls have been answered by the family [redacted] and on one occasion by [redacted] He said [redacted] not admit her identity to him which indicates to FREEDMAN that caller does not know [redacted] by voice.

Matter discussed with AUSA [redacted] who advised that he would decline prosecution because no threats contained in telephone calls and letters since they contain no threats of bodily harm they should be handled by Postal authorities which is the proper agency to handle such matters.

WFO is cognizant that FREEDMAN's residence, 1641 Madison St., N.W., D.C. is in the vicinity of the kidnaping of [redacted]

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FREEDMAN agreed to advise FBI of any developments with regard to telephone calls to [REDACTED] which will be handled in connection with kidnaping investigation.

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UACB, letters received by FREEDMAN will not be obtained from Post Office and AUSA's opinion will be confirmed by letter.

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